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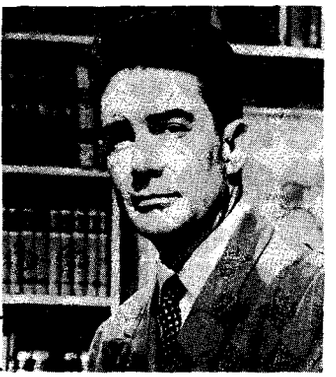

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REVOLUTION AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

"We must haul down the American flag. And if I wanted to be vulgar and shocking, I would go even further and say haul it down, stomp on it and spit on it."(1)

That was Milton Mayer, speaking in 1947, advocating world government. In June, 1964, Mayer spoke to a Christian youth meeting at Camp Sierra, California, saying, among other things:

"The real reason we Americans don't believe in capitalism as a theory of production and distribution is that we ourselves are all Communists. Every one of us. All of us, because we are all members of families and every family is a Communist society, based squarely on the Communist doctrine of from each according to his ability, to each according to his needs . . . . no man can accept the Bible and not be a Communist. And the atheists have had to descend upon us with fire and sword to remind us of the communism of Christ and the Hebrew prophets."(1)

I do not see how anyone could object to Milton Mayer's calling himself a communist. As to his equating American family life with the loathsome dictatorships of communism, and his calling Our Lord and the Hebrew prophets communists — well, one man who sent me a clipping of Mayer's speech used an apt phrase. He said all Americans ought to know what "foul garbage" is being served to Christian youth, under the auspices of church organizations. The Southern California Council of Churches (an affiliate of the National Council of Churches) supported the youth gathering where Mayer spoke. Another supporter was American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker group.(1)

Mayer's remarks hardly surprise anyone who knows what to expect from the National Council and its affiliates.

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Many individuals connected with the National Council (and with its predecessor, the Federal Council of Churches) have had communist front records.[2] In fact, the Federal Council (organized in 1908) became so heavily infiltrated that an intelligence agency of government considered it a subversive group. In 1950, the Federal Council merged with other organizations and became the National Council — with the same leaders and policies as before.[3]

Through the years, the National Council (now representing most major church groups with memberships totaling about 41 million people) has helped communism in many ways — urging clemency for convicted communist spies, opposing loyalty oaths and anti-communist security laws in the United States, demanding abolition of congressional committees which investigate communism, lobbying for admission of communist China to the United Nations. On February 22, 1966, the NCC asked President Johnson to appoint a commission to study the possibility of U. S. recognition of communist China.[3,4]

The National Council's general attitude toward communism is indicated by an article in *World Community*, an official NCC publication. Reporting Senator Fulbright's demand for re-evaluation of U. S. policy toward Castro's Cuba and communist China, the article said the idea that communists are "resolute in their determination to destroy the free world" is "the master myth of the cold war."[5]

On the contrary, the master myth of the twentieth century is the contention that communists are respectable exponents of a respectable political ideology, susceptible to the controls of morality, decency, humanity. Communism is an international criminal conspiracy to enslave the world — whose leaders are responsible for more mass murders and mass torture of innocent people than all other tyrants in recorded history.[6]

Blasphemy

To Christians with deep spiritual faith, the National Council of Churches' subversion of fundamental Christian doctrines is even more reprehensible than its attitude toward communism.

In a speech to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, the Chairman of the NCC's Department of Evangelism (Dr. Jitsuo Morikawa) said:

"God does not deal with each man as an isolated individual . . . there cannot be individual salvation . . . salvation has more to do with the whole society than with the individual soul . . . no man can be saved in isolation, for salvation implies community . . . . We must not be satisfied to win people one by one . . . authentic evangelism deals with the *family* of people . . . it is *nations* that shall 'go up to the mount of the Lord' . . . . It is for these reasons that contemporary evangelism is moving away from winning souls one by one, to the evangelization of the structures of society."[5]

To deny the personal relationship between Our Lord and every individual who accepts Him as Saviour — to assert that Jesus died on the Cross to change the social structure of nations and not to atone for the sins of individual men — is to reject the essence of Christianity. It is as blasphemous as the God-is-dead movement. The NCC, trying to divest itself of responsibility for the God-is-dead movement (which began in colleges and seminaries supported by churches affiliated with the NCC), is exerting pressure for free tv time to "promote religion." One line in a proposed NCC tv ad reads: "Keep in circulation the rumor God is alive."[7]

He may be a *rumor* to NCC officials; but He is the Living God to Christians.

NCC Evangelism

Millions of Americans are deeply disturbed by the NCC's revolutionary efforts toward 'evangelization of the structures of society.'

The Council brazenly lobbies for legislation which is transforming our constitutional Republic into a socialist-labor dictatorship. It has supported the monstrous swindle known as Johnson's pov-

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erty war. It lobbies for repeal of right-to-work laws. It propagandizes for surrender of American national sovereignty to world government. It has recommended for church people, young and old, books containing obscene filth that postal officials barred from the mails.[3,4,5,8]

But the most conspicuously offensive NCC activities have been in connection with the civil rights movement.

In June, 1963, the General Board of the National Council of Churches appointed a Commission on Religion and Race "to take vigorous action in the race situation" and "to engage the churches more directly in the present racial revolution." This NCC commission has recruited hundreds of college youth and Christian ministers for racial agitation that has done incaluculable damage to our society.[8]

For example, the NCC trained, at Western College for Women in Oxford, Ohio, about 700 young people to participate in the 1964 Mississippi Summer Project organized by the Council of Federated Organizations (COFO).[8]

COFO is composed of four notorious racial-agitation groups — among them, SNICK: Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. SNICK, according to the Louisiana Joint Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities, is "substantially under the control of the Communist Party." The national chairman of SNICK (John Lewis) hoped the Mississippi Summer Project would create such a crisis that the federal government would take over the State of Mississippi.[8]

One prominent SNICK worker in the Mississippi Summer Project was Ronald Ridenour. Senator James Eastland told the Senate:

". . . [Ridenour] was kicked out of Costa Rica in 1964 for carrying communist literature into that country. The arrest was made after a riot in Costa Rica which resulted in the killing of four persons. Costa Rican authorities said Ridenour was an agent of international communism. When arrested in Costa Rica, Ridenour and a comrade had in their possession a large quantity of communist literature, knives, and an automatic pistol."[8]

Myles Horton (head of the communist Highlander Folk School) was an active leader in the National Council's Western College training program. Bayard Rustin lectured to the NCC's young trainees. Rustin has a police record as a moral degenerate, and is a notorious bedfellow of communists.[8]

In March, 1965, it was revealed that the National Council of Churches had financed Radio Tougaloo Association to establish a radio station at Tougaloo College, Mississippi. The announced purpose of the radio station was "objective reporting on what's going on in Mississippi and the rest of the country." Chris Koch was president of Radio Tougaloo Association. He was also an official of WBAI-FM in New York, whose program director was Joanne A. Grant, long-time staff member of the communist *National Guardian*.[5]

In 1965, the NCC's Delta Ministry helped get one million, four hundred thousand federal tax dollars for a Head Start Project to be operated by the Child Development Group at Mt. Beulah, Mississippi. Warren McKenna, associate director of the Delta Ministry, denies being a communist but has an extensive record of supporting communist causes and associating with known communists.[8]

What Can Be Done

The National Council of Churches' political activities and legislative lobbying clearly violate laws which give it federal tax exemption[3]; but the Council is rewarded, not punished, for its violations.

Rewarded? For its overseas relief programs, the Council gets surplus food products from the federal government, plus direct grants of taxpayers' money to pay for packaging, shipping, distributing. The foodstuffs go only to foreigners who help promote the NCC's ecumenical movement. The NCC reports these cash gifts from the federal government as income under the caption "Ocean Freight Refunds." In its 1960 triennial report, the NCC lists "Ocean Freight Refunds" totaling more than 23 million dollars for the four-year period, 1957-1960.[9]

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The National Council of Churches' "evangelization of the structures of society" has gone a long way. The apostasy of NCC theologians in Christian churches and colleges helped prepare the way for the blasphemous God-is-dead movement. Support of civil disobedience (urging people to violate laws they dislike) by high NCC officials (like Eugene Carson Blake[10]) is one factor in spiraling rates of crime and juvenile delinquency. NCC racial agitation helped plant seeds which grew into bloody, destructive insurrections in Harlem, Rochester, Chicago, Watts.

The Council's revolutionary activities continue. What has already happened is merely a foretaste of the harvest of hate which the nation will reap if something is not done.

What could be done? The federal government will not uphold its own laws and revoke the NCC's tax exemption; but the millions who belong to churches that support the NCC could do something effective: they could stop contributing to their churches until their churches withdraw from the National Council.

Jews and Catholics have similar problems, and could handle them in a similar way. Jewish rabbis, Catholic priests and nuns, and officials of Catholic organizations also lobby for socialist legislation and participate with communists and moral degenerates in "demonstrations" that are shattering our society.

When devout people of all faiths refuse to support church officials and activities objectionable to the faithful, religious organizations will be compelled to abandon their agitation for socialist revolution.

FOOTNOTES

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